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## SEWARD MAKES A REQUEST FOR SOLDIERS PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY WINS OUT

### ANOTHER TEST OF POPULARITY OF PRESIDENT

Roosevelt's Efforts to Widen Breach Cemented Democrats the More Closely.

#### NEWS FROM CAPITAL

Republicans Have Been Made More Uncertain About Policy Playing Politics.

(Special Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—It already is written in large letters that the severest test of popularity to which his administration has yet been subjected with flying colors. Former President Roosevelt is here. He has shot his bolt, and he will leave in a few days to leave no more impression behind him than the removal of one's finger from a ball of water would leave.

The attack on the President was well timed. His holiday order—that is Dr. H. A. Garfield's order, which was approved by the President—was unpopular, undeniably. People have been chaffing severely under the enforced idleness of mills and business houses. Theatre men of New York and the other cities went up in the air, as did manufacturers and those of many lines of business, when notified that they would have to close down for five days and for each Monday for two months or more. Then came the break between Senator Chamberlain and Secretary of War Baker. Then came Roosevelt, of course.

However, Roosevelt has only forced the Democrats closer to the President and made Republicans more uncertain about the advisability of attempting to play politics—that is all Republicans except Senator Penrose, and he is always ready for the game without taking pains to count the cost. He does not have to count the cost, because Pennsylvania is nearly always with him by from 200,000 to 400,000 majority. And then Senator Penrose was never over strong for camouflage. For instance, when scathingly denounced by Senator Stone for trying to make politics when scathingly denounced by Senator Penrose, replying said "I am guilty of every charge the Senator has made against me." Commenting upon interviews given out by him and statements he had made, quoted by Senator Stone in tones of disapproval, Senator Penrose said: "That is all true. I said the things you say I said, and I am only astonished at my moderation."

Gradually came a realization that the President would not have made the closing order if the fuel shortage had not made it absolutely necessary, and people knew that the failure of the railroad systems of the country to meet the burdens up

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#### STEAMER MOVEMENTS

and  
Mail Information

##### New North Bound

Admiral Evans is expected from the South tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Northwestern northbound and will be due here Monday with mail.

##### Scheduled Sailings

Princess Sophia is scheduled to sail from Vancouver tonight. City of Seattle is scheduled to sail from Seattle Tuesday.

##### SOUTHBOUND SAILINGS

Jefferson is expected southbound tonight about midnight. Prince John is scheduled to sail southbound tomorrow morning.

WOMAN REPRESENTS UTAH.



The only woman attending the recent national food conference called in Washington by Herbert C. Hoover, National Administrator, represented Utah. Mrs. Wynne Schramm, of Salt Lake City, has been actively engaged in the federal conservation campaign since the start. She is a volunteer, her salary for the year being one dollar. Since the conservation campaign started she has had entire charge of the publicity for the State of Utah for both the food and fuel departments.

### REPUBLICANS CONFER FOR FIRST TIME

Senators Agree to Support Necessary War Measures After Holding Meeting.

#### ARE AGAINST MEASURES

Do Not Favor the Bill which Gives the President Much Broader Powers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Republican Senators today conferred for the first time since war with Germany was declared, and discussed the proposition for giving President Wilson broad powers in order that he could co-ordinate all government departments, as already provided in a bill introduced, for carrying on the war, and in opposition to the plan for a War Council and a Munitions Director.

The conference issued a statement promising the support of the Republicans to necessary war measures. However, the bill giving the President broader powers is regarded with disfavor by the Republicans.

### CAPITALISTS OF THE EAST INTERESTED

They Have Formed a Million Corporation to Work Fairbanks Mine.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—Jacob Meyer, Alfred H. Pardee and other Eastern capitalists have formed a \$1,000,000 corporation to work a tungsten mine on Steel Creek near Fairbanks.

There is some machinery and a bunkhouse already on the ground. Nine tons of additional machinery has been ordered.

CHICAGO: Augie Kieckhefer of Chicago, won the world's three-cushion billiard championship from Alfred De Oro, the Cuban, here. In the past two years De Oro has won and lost the title three times.

### TURK OFFICIAL IS IN ACCORD WITH GERMANY

Says Plan of Turkey Is to Have Dardanelles to Remain Open After the War.

#### SAME AS BEFORE WAR

Says That Grave Difficulties Have Arisen in Connection Peace Conference.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—Turkey is in complete accord with Germany and Austria according to recent speeches made by Nessimy Bey, the Turkish foreign minister.

He said that the Dardanelles would remain open to international traffic as in the past and on the same conditions as prevailed previous to the war.

He admitted that grave difficulties had arisen in connection with peace negotiations at Brest Litovsk, but added that the delegates aiming at peace agreements had not lost hope.

### THREE BROTHERS ARE MEMBERS OF KING'S PRIVY COUNCIL

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The appointment of Lord Hugh Cecil to a seat in the King's Privy Council brings about the unique situation of three brothers being members of that honorable body at the same time, the three being Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Hugh Cecil and the Marquis of Salisbury.

### SPY CONFESSES SENT BY HUN TO AMERICA

Several Sheets of Thin Paper with Code on Them Found on His Person.

ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 9.—Thirty-six men and three women were taken from the liner Nieuwamster yesterday and are detained by officials conducting a spy hunt.

It is reported that on one spy was found 12 sheets of thin paper covered with code words and numbers. It is reported that the spy confessed that he had come to America to establish communications between the German spy system here and the Teuton government.

The liner arrived recently. The search is being continued.

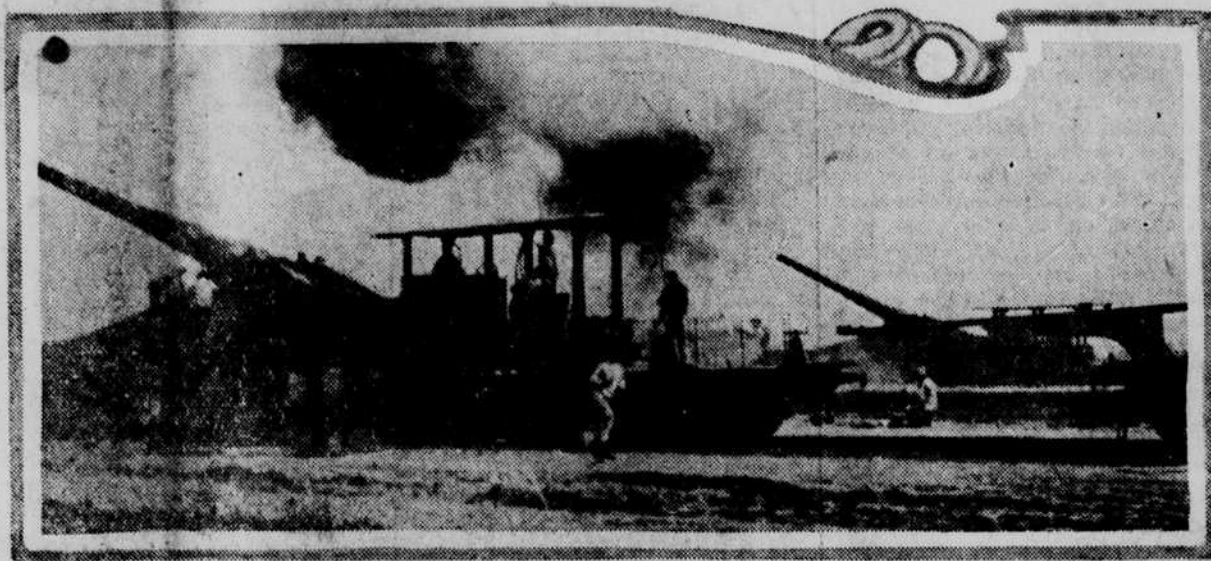
### BERLIN SAYS YANKEE LINES WERE RAIDED

DATELESS—Berlin announces that the Germans raided the American lines and took prisoners north of Xivere.

### CABLE IS DOWN AND NEWS RECEIVED BY WIRELESS STATION

The government cable went down last night between Sitka and Seattle, and the news received by The Empire today came by the government radio station at Sitka. No details have been received when the cable may be repaired again.

BATTERY OF 270'S, LONG RANGE RIFLES, IN ACTION.



### TANANA PEOPLE RAISING MONEY FOR RECRUITS

Will Pay the Way of Men Who Are Anxious to Enlist and Must Go Outside.

#### MUCH DISSATISFACTION

People Feel That the Government Should Pay the Fare of the Boys Outside.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—The recent ruling of General Crowder denying fare for government draft eligibles from the interior of Alaska to the States, is causing much dissatisfaction here.

Five boys are paying their own expenses outside to enlist. A big ball will be held tonight for the purpose of providing funds for a number of others who are anxious to enlist and will leave next week. Hundreds of tickets are being sold in solid blocks of ten and twenty tickets in a block. The entire proceeds will go to pay the boys' expenses to the outside where they may enlist.

### M'HUGH BURNED TO DEATH FROM TOO MUCH BOOZE

Jerry Quinlan, Owner of Cabin, Must Serve Six Month for Dry Violation.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—Jerry Quinlan, a well known old-timer, has arrived here from Brooks to serve six months for a violation of the dry law. This is the first conviction in this section since the Territory went dry on the first of the year.

Quinlan took a quantity of booze to his cabin and got drunk and set the cabin on fire. A man by the name of McHugh was burned to death. Quinlan was unable to rescue him, and was slightly burned.

### EXTENSION IS ALLOWED FOR ALIEN ENEMIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Attorney General has announced a four days' extension of the time in which German and alien enemies must register.

The storms are keeping many German farmers from coming to town. They must all be registered by the 13th.

### THOMAS SPEAKS IN FAVOR OF THE WAR SECRETARY

Defends the War Department in Senate Against the Charges of Inefficiency.

#### COMPLETE VINDICATION

Declares That the Answer of the War Secretary to the Charges Is Sufficient.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator William H. Thomas, of Colorado, Democrat, yesterday in an address in the Senate defended the War Department against the charges of inefficiency.

He attacked the bills fathered by the military committee, of which Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, is chairman, providing for a War Cabinet and a Munitions Director, as an attempt to divide the power now centralized in the President.

The Senator characterized the testimony of Secretary Baker before the military committee as a story completely vindicating the War Department from the charges of inefficiency, and declared that the testimony was accepted by him as a suitable answer to the critics of the war secretary.

#### ROOSEVELT BETTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The friends of Col. Roosevelt think that the turning point has been reached and that the patient is on the road to recovery.

### INDICATIONS THAT FIRE WAS INCENDIARY

Officials Still Investigating Destruction of Railroad Property at Nenana.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—Federal officials are investigating the fire which destroyed the round house and machine shops of the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Nenana, along with two engines.

It is said the fire was of incendiary origin. No arrests have been made yet. Commissioner Riggs is leaving Washington, D. C., to prepare for spring work.

LONDON: Sir John Jellicoe, until recently chief of the naval staff, said yesterday, "I am afraid we are in for a bad time of it for the next few months. But by late summer—about August—I believe we will be able to say that the submarine menace is killed."

### SOLDIERS ARE REQUESTED BY SEWARD PEOPLE

Two Hundred Aliens There Awaiting Permits in Order to Leave Country.

#### FIERCE STORMS RAGING

More Employees Been Dropped from the Anchorage Government Roll.

SEWARD, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—The Seward Council of Defense has asked for 50 or 60 soldiers to guard the government railroad property.

It is claimed that there are 200 aliens here, mostly Austrians, waiting for permits to leave the country.

#### IS SEVERE STORM

SEWARD, Feb. 9.—The steamship Victoria remained in port from five o'clock yesterday morning until eight o'clock last night. A terrific storm is raging outside, according to a wireless report received.

#### MANY SNOW SLIDES

SEWARD, Feb. 9.—Snow slides are reported at Mile 70 and Mile 43½ and also above Kern Creek during the night, cutting off all communications between Seward and Anchorage.

#### OFF THE PAYROLL

SEWARD, Feb. 9.—Another 150 employees have been dropped from the payroll at Anchorage in order to reduce the expenses on the government railroad in that division.

#### FOR HERRING PLANT

SEWARD, Feb. 9.—Parties are now waiting at Seward to take the steamer Dora to the Westward where they will establish a herring and salmon plant.

### DEFEATS ARE SUFFERED BY CROWN PRINCE

All of His Attempts Against the German Lines so Far Have Proven Failure.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Feb. 9.—The German Crown Prince's armies before Verdun since February 2nd have suffered mostly defeats, in the seven vain raids they have made against the French on both sides of the Meuse river. Although many troops have been employed, not a single permanent advantage has been gained.

### SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA ARE GIVEN CHEERS

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—The Royal Irish regimental band and battalion today met between 100 and 200 survivors of the Tuscania and cheered them to the echo.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is estimated that 113 soldiers were lost on the Tuscania. It is not expected that any more bodies will be found.

NEW YORK: N. Y. Tribune says aircraft production board experts are at work on a new motor which will surpass the Liberty motor in power, it is claimed, while retaining qualification for quantity production.

### TEST CASE OF EIGHT-HOUR LAW IS BEING TRIED

The Northern Commercial Company Loses First Count Before Commissioner.

#### AN APPEAL IS TAKEN

The Workers in the Interior Favor No Modification, While Their Employers Do.

FAIRBANKS, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Empire)—A majority of workers in this Division favor the enforcement of the eight-hour law without any modifications, while the opinion of the employers is that there is not sufficient labor to carry on the work adequately the coming season.

It is feared that a curtailment of labor will delay the opening of the coal fields on the Nenana river.

The Northern Commercial Company has lost the first step in a case to test the eight-hour law in the United States Commissioner's Court. The company has taken an appeal which probably will be heard at the next session of the Federal Court here.

### GERMANY IS AFTER LANDS IN UKRAINE

Claimed That She Offered New Republic a Slice of Russian Poland.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is not known how much control the Rada has over the affairs of the Ukrainian Republic, which embraces rich grain lands, and would prove valuable to Germany.

The Bolshevik leaders are disputing the control of peace conditions by the Germans with a view of securing control of the output of the rich lands.

It was previously reported that Germany had offered the Ukrainians a section of Russian Poland as an added peace inducement.

### ANOTHER BOAT IS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

DATELESS—The Italian steamer Ducadi Genova was submarined a mile off the Spanish coast. The Spanish government will probably protest the sinking of the steamer in Spanish waters.